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TO Chief, Foreign Division "M"
FROM Chief of Station, Karlsruhe
SUBJECT General - Operational
Specific - Personality Targets - Former German
Lt. Col. RUDOLF
REF MGB-A-5337; MGB-A-14009

1. We agree that there are weighty security and political considerations speaking against the direct approach of GUDERIAN in the above matter. Inasmuch as this is conceived to be a long-range project at least in the sense that RUDOLF for some time to come will be in the USSR, there is no need to decide at this stage whether it would be politic to enlist GUDERIAN's services operationally.

2. May we suggest that in order to assist our preliminary assessment of the worth-whileness of recruiting RUDOLF, GUDERIAN be approached preferably through a Historical Division cut-out, with a view to learning his estimate of RUDOLF's personal and military background.

3. Once we come to the point of approaching RUDOLF direct, we may be able to figure out a method by which GUDERIAN's knowledge of the operation as such, can be kept down to an absolute minimum. As in the case of the [] operation, all we really need would be a forcefully worded letter written by GUDERIAN introducing the bearer as a trusted representative of a competent agency. If this be feasible, we might even consider keeping this matter entirely in German channels so as to keep from GUDERIAN the knowledge that American interests are behind this.

4. We would appreciate learning your views on enlisting GUDERIAN's help as suggested above. We fully agree with the views expressed by COS in para 3 of his letter and propose to proceed in full awareness of the security factors conceivably involved.

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